

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Ona, West Virginia and am a Verizon employee and a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon / Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am very worried about my job and the jobs of all Verizon employees in this great state. Jobs with good pay and benefits will be disappearing. Can West Virginia afford to lose more good jobs in this state. Not only will good jobs be vanishing but so will quality service. Frontier will be left with high debt and bad economic times. How can a company succeed if it is already starting out in extreme debt. Verizon made alot of promises to the people of this state to upgrade its plant and infrastructure. Why should Verizon get to go thru a tax loophole and get away from not keeping there word to provide the best services to the people of West Virginia.

We people of West Virginia need your support.

234 Woodmire Dr
Milton WV 25541

Sincerely
Chad Leggett

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I'm a member of the Communications Workers of America. I Live in
Milltown NJ. For Years our Union
has complained that Verizon Has
Been taking all our States money to
fund other States Broad Band
networks. They depreciated all
our outside plant for Accounting
Purposes, but Didn't Replace the cables.
We were once part of AT&T the
Greatest Phone Company in the world
and we took pride in our work.
The Past Five Years Have Drained
most of us, and Beaten us Down
to the point we gave up trying to
change things. The Public Service
Commission Fined Verizon 11
million last year and they were
supposed to hire 49 technicians in
the state. They only hired 6 techs
& have been rotating 43 techs from
other states.

IT Appears That The PSC and Everyone
Else are on with this Sale Even After
Whats Been Done Here. This is an
Example of Big Business just unloading
All ITS debt + hurting Rural America.
Make Verizon Fix Their mess + Have
Them Bring FIOS To Our State.

David Brown

103 WOODGATE DRIVE

MILTON WV 25541

Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20515

Dear Senator Byrd:

I BELIEVE SELLING off WV AND THE 14 OTHER STATES IS A MISTAKE, NOT ONLY FOR THE THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES INVOLVED, BUT ALSO FOR THE MILLIONS OF SUBSCRIBERS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED. THE SERVICES NOW PROVIDED WILL BE "AS GOOD AS IT GETS". HOW CAN A COMPANY WITH SUCH A DEBT RATIO (1 IN ASSETS = \$1.04 IN DEBT) AFFORD TO UPGRADE OR EVEN MAINTAIN PLANT THAT IS IN MOST CASES 30-40 YEARS OLD. NY TIMES GIVE THEM 5 YEARS TILL BANKRUPTCY, I GIVE THEM LESS THAN THAT.

WHY FRONTIER IS BELIEVING THIS IS A GOOD DEAL FOR THEM GOES BEYOND ANY RATIONAL THOUGHT. I LIKEN IT TO SOMEONE BUYING A NEW CAR AND DRIVING IT TO DEATH, WITH ONLY THE MAINTINANCE TO KEEP IT BARELY RUNNING, THEN FIND SOME MORON TO BUY IT FOR MORE THAN ~~THEY~~ YOU PAID FOR IT. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO THINK THAT THIS IS A "GOOD THING" IS TOTALLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH VERIZON'S OPERATION FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS. JUST LOOK AT THE PAST VERIZON DEALS LIKE THIS AND SEE WHAT HAPPEND TO THE SPIN off COMPANIES, NOW IMAGINE THAT ON A LARGER (14 PLUS STATE) SCALE. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF COMMUNICATIONS ARE SHUT DOWN ACCROSS MOST OF AMERICA? GOD HELP US.

Mark McComas

MARK MCCOMAS

409 Green Oak Dr, Huntington WV 25705

Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd;

I live in Huntington and I am a member of the Communication Workers of America. I am currently employed by Verizon Communications. I am deeply concerned about the proposed Verizon sale to Frontier and I am asking for your help to protect our jobs and our quality of communications services in WVA.

I am concerned about the future of my job. Given the track record of the companies that Verizon has sold in the past, I'm worried that Frontier will fail as well. If the sale goes through, Frontier will be saddled with a huge amount of debt and I fear the first thing that Frontier will do to reduce expenses is reduce their workforce. I am a skilled worker and I have a Bachelor's degree but in these tough economic times I do not want to face unemployment. I fear that I would be forced to leave WVA to seek employment. I also fear that Frontier would not be able to provide the financial support needed to maintain and upgrade telecommunication in our state.

◆ This means that the Quality of Service would drop and investment in new technology such as high speed internet to Rural Areas would not move forward.

As a member of the Communication Workers of America, we are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole that Verizon is using to offload bad ~~Debt~~ Debt and their copper facilities onto smaller companies without paying taxes on the sale. We should be encouraging investment in West Virginia Infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that put WVA Jobs at risk. WVA workers need your support!!

Please stand with us to support good paying WVA Jobs.

Sincerely,

Benjamin T. Porterfield III

Benjamin T. Porterfield III

1425 15th St

Huntington WV 25701

tedporterfield@verizon.net

Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I LIVE IN NITRO, WV and am a member of the Communication Workers of America, employed by VERIZON of WEST VIRGINIA.

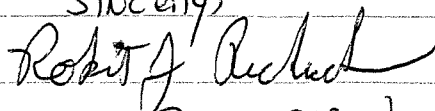
I AM writing to you to ask for YOUR HELP to protect West Virginia. I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet.

THAT IS what my coworkers and I do very well. The most reliable internet in the nation, as well as quality telephone service. We want to be able to continue to do so.

However, I am worried about my job. I do not want to face unemployment. I do not feel that Frontier is capable of providing good jobs and broadband deployment even if they say they will.

Furthermore, I am asking you to CLOSE the tax loop hole (Reverse Morris Trust,) which will prevent investments in infrastructure, and put workers at risk.

Sincerely,



Robert J. RICHARDSON
302 COUNTRY OAKS DR. NITRO, WV 25143

Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

My name is Terry Means. I live in Huntington, WV, and am a member of the Communications Workers of America (CWA). I have worked for Verizon for almost 9 years. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon/Frontier (Citizens Telecom) deal, and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am worried for my job, and the jobs of my constituents at Verizon and Frontier. No matter what the top executives at Frontier or Verizon may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing good quality jobs and services. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. When good quality jobs are cut, though, other businesses in the area become affected, and the whole local economy here in WV will suffer greatly.

For what was once a dream of FiOS (Fiber Optic Service) in the state of WV is now just a delusion. Verizon had committed to increase their fiber investment throughout West Virginia several years back. That has now been halted with the Verizon/Frontier deal. How will Frontier ever be able to expend FiOS, or even bring FiOS to WV, when the company will be responsible to pay back the billions of dollars that Verizon borrowed and then wants to keep for itself, by taking advantage of a tax loophole? If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber throughout West Virginia may suffer.

Things can get much worse in West Virginia if the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal is approved. Just ask the residents and regulators in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Hawaii what happens when Verizon dumps its access lines and high debt onto another company. Fairpoint has struggled to provide adequate service,

prompting an unprecedented number of complaints to state regulatory commissions from frustrated customers. Hawaiian Telecom, the company to which Verizon sold its Hawaii operations in 2005, filed for bankruptcy. Is this what we want for West Virginia? WV deserves a world class communications network, and this proposed deal takes us backward.

Don't let Verizon make billions by abandoning millions of consumers and thousands of workers. For over a hundred years, ratepayers have generated billions upon billions of dollars that allowed the phone company to prosper. Now Verizon will abandon them, dump billions of dollars of debt onto a financially weaker Frontier, and get subsidized to do it. Verizon only picked Frontier to spin off their communication system, so Verizon could use a tax loophole known as the "Reverse Morris Trust" and keep \$3.3 billion tax free. Taxpayers - including us - are subsidizing Verizon to abandon West Virginia!

We, in CWA, are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Please stand up for us and act strongly to protect West Virginia.

Sincerely,



Terry S. Means
2 Burchette Rd.
Huntington, WV 25701
(304) 697-6924

The Honorable Senator Robert Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Beckley, WV and work for Verizon as a assignment administrator. I've been employed with Verizon for 10 years. The reason I'm writing you is because I'm concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and I'm asking for your help to protect WV and our jobs.

I'm worried about my job because no matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality service and skills that benefit our great state. We want to be able to keep doing so. We also know that it is important to the

to high speed internet. If this tax subsidized sales goes through, I'm afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

As a member of CWA, we are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Thank You,
Shelby J. Lane
Shelby Lane
20 Warbler Lane
Beckley WV 25801
(304) 222-2729

Lynco, WV 24857
June 17, 2009

The Honorable Robert Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Lynco, Wyoming County, and travel one hour to Beckley to work for Verizon in the assignment center. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal; and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I travel an hour to Beckley for my job because there aren't equivalent job opportunities in Wyoming County. I have worked for Verizon for more than nineteen years. The wages and benefits I have received, have enabled me to raise my daughter and put her through college. She is a registered nurse at the Veterans Medical Center in Beckley. My husband recently had prostate cancer, and my medical benefits saw us through that tough time.

I have truly been blessed, but that could quickly change. West Virginia's workforce is second to none. I have equally given to Verizon. In the nineteen years of service to Verizon, I have used less than ten

As valuable as we are to Verizon, the prospect of 3.3 billion dollars tax free is more appealing. In light of the recent corporate greed and the devastating effect it has had on our country, I am asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust).

If this deal is allowed to progress, how can Frontier make the investment in our state's infrastructure that is so desperately needed? They will assume so much debt from Verizon. In their attempt to reduce debt, will they view the former Verizon employees as liabilities? In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment.

We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support! Say no to corporate greed!

Sincerely,
Patricia Scott

6-3-09

The Honorable Senator Robert Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I'm writing you this letter because I'm concerned about the proposed Verizon / Frontier deal and I'm asking for your help to protect WV and our jobs. I've been employed with Verizon for 10 years in Beckley WV and I'm also a member of the Communication Workers of America Local 2007.

I'm very concerned about my job and do not want to face unemployment during these difficult economic times. No matter what Verizon may say, companies that are facing high debt and hard economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. My fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality service and skills that benefit the residents of WV. I'm

asking for your help so we can still keep delivering quality services. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I'm afraid that quality jobs and investments in high speed fiber needed throughout WV may suffer. I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet and great telephone service.

(We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Thank You,
Melissa R. Williams
431 Brothers Rd.
Beckley, WV 25801
(304) 237-4589

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Beckley and am a member of CWA. I am very concerned about the Frontier Verizon deal and I would ask for your help.

I myself work for Verizon. I am deeply concerned about my job and my co-workers. Regardless of what either Frontier or Verizon may say companies that are having high debt in these bad economic times often cut expenses by cutting jobs. I personally do not wish to be unemployed. If this tax subsidized sale of Verizon goes through, I feel the 3.3 billion dollars of debt Frontier will assume could be more than they could withstand. With over 15 years of service at Verizon I have been proud to bring quality phone service and high speed internet to my customers. I fear with so much debt Frontier will not be able to provide the level of services Verizon does now. In addition I doubt the investment of high speed fiber needed throughout our great state will come to a halt.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). The people of West Virginia need your support.

Sincerely,

Alb. Smith

1290 Old Eckles Rd.
Beckley WV 25801

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
531 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

June 4, 2009

Dear Mr. Byrd,

I am a member of CWA 2007.
I am very concerned about the
proposed Verizon - Frontier deal and
am asking for your help to protect
West Virginia.

This is not a good thing for West
Virginia - Neither the consumers or the
employees.

I am worried about my job, my
co-workers jobs and what this will
do to West Virginia.

Please do what you can for us
to help stop this sale.

Sincerely,

Donna Viers
1326 Old Eccles Rd
Beckley, WV

25801

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Beckley and am a member of CWA. I am very concerned about the Frontier Verizon deal and I would ask for your help.

I myself work for Verizon. I am deeply concerned about my job and my co-workers. Regardless of what either Frontier or Verizon may say companies that are having high debt in these bad economic times often cut expenses by cutting jobs. I personally do not wish to be unemployed. If this tax subsidized sale of Verizon goes through, I feel the 3.3 billion dollars of debt Frontier will assume could be more than they could withstand. With over 15 years of service at Verizon I have been proud to bring quality phone service and high speed internet to my customers. I fear with so much debt Frontier will not be able to provide the level of services Verizon does now. In addition I doubt the investment of high speed fiber needed throughout our great state will come to a halt.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). The people of West Virginia need your support.

Sincerely,

~~The Lord~~

1290 Old Eccles Rd.
Beckley WV 25801

Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is Marc Johnston, and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I have been a Verizon employee for the past 10 years. I am very concerned about the proposed merger between Frontier and Verizon, thus I am asking for your help to protect our jobs in West Virginia.

Verizon has been a good company to work for, and has a wonderful benefit package. I have two young sons, and am worried that the merger will eliminate my job, or affect my benefits and the health care coverage I depend on for the health of my kids. I am concerned Frontier will eliminate my job. I do not want Frontier to slow the broadband development in West Virginia. I believe Verizon has the resources ~~to~~ to bring broadband to our state. I would hate to see us fall further behind due to this merger.

I implore you to do what you can to prevent this merger. Help us keep good jobs in West Virginia, and help West Virginia increase its broadband footprint.

Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Poca WV and am a member of CWA 2001.

I have worked for Verizon for 19 years and am very concerned about the sale of Verizon to Frontier and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia employees, their families and their customers.

I have a wife and three kids to take care of and am very worried if this sale goes through I will loose my job. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. I know its important to keep up with today's technology ~~and~~ my fellow employees and I would like to keep that going.

I am asking you, Senator Byrd - a proud West Virginian to introduce a legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). This sale would be bad for all of West Virginia. The people of West Virginia need your help and support.

Thanks, Buck Hill CWA 2001
70 Country Roads Park
Poca, WV 25159

Dear Sen. Byrd,

My name is Paul D Fultz and I am an employee of Verizon West Virginia in Charleston. I am writing this because I am worried about the proposed deal between Verizon and Frontier.

I feel that the loss of jobs and/or pay cuts that would occur from this will really hurt working families here in West Virginia. The deal would also hurt West Virginia's infrastructure in the ever so fast growing E-world, by eliminating the possibility of fiber to the premise services here.

I am also worried about my job as well as others whom have mortgages to pay, car insurance etc....

Please Help Us Close the Tax loophole known as the Reverse Morris Trust.

Thank You For Your Support.

Paul D Fultz CWA Local 2001

Jennifer L. Davis

2143 Cleveland Ave.
St. Albans, WV 25177
304 382-1879
wvdavisfamily@aol.com

June 17, 2009

The Honorable U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd
311 Hart Senate Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
202 224-3954

Dear Senator Byrd:

I am a resident of St. Albans and I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I currently work for Verizon as a Credit Screening Specialist. I have been employed by Verizon for ten years and love working and living in West Virginia. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia and our jobs.

I personally would be affected by the loss of wages, benefits, & retirement. My husband is a local law enforcement officer and as you know does not make enough to support our family of five. With the loss of our Verizon benefits (Medical, Dental, Vision, Prescription, and Life Insurance) our family would not be able to afford to cover all of our dependents on my husbands medical insurance. Our family would not have dental or vision as this coverage is not offered by my husbands department. My wage loss would create the need for our family to also relocate from a home to a small apartment, as we could not afford our home that we live in now without my income. Our children would also be relocated to different schools. We would be forced to ask the state for assistance just to make ends meet. I fear for my job. Companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. I fear facing unemployment for the sake of my family and their well being. I love living in West Virginia and would hate to leave to find work in another state that would provide for my family. My husband and I have worked hard over the years to make a better life for ourselves and our family. To try and strive to make sure our kids have a better life than our parents or ourselves. I know that is it important to West Virginia to have increased access to high speed internet for the economic growth of our state. My fellow employees and I are proud to work in West Virginia and provide great services and skills that benefit the residents of our beautiful state. I want to stay here; I want my children to grow up here. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer. If we can not provide the state with high speed fiber then state economy as a whole would suffer. New businesses may not look at West Virginia as a new home because we can not provide the necessities needed to run a successful business in a fast paced world.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (know as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in the infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Davis
Credit Verification Specialist

May 17, 2009

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator,

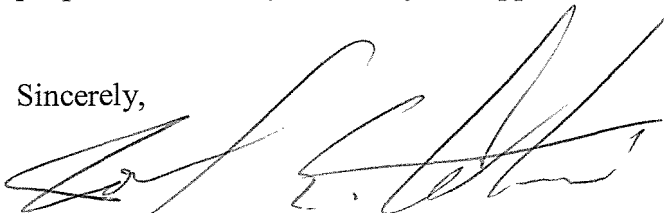
My name is Joel Atkins and I live in St. Albans, WV. I am also a member of the Communications Workers of America. I'm a Verizon employee working in the Credit Verification Center. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect WV.

This deal is a wrong in so many ways. For me personally, this job and its wages affords me the pleasure of helping to put my step son thru medical school and will also cover him on my insurance as long as he is full time student until the age of 25. This is very important as my step son has three forms of arthritis and has recently been diagnosed with Crohns disease. His medicine, without insurance, is phenomenal and completely out mine and my wife's reach. Not to mention the loss of jobs in this area that is already debilitated by poverty already. Also there is the reduction in the company's investment in high speed fiber. If this goes thru the reality is that our rural customers will never enjoy this service because it will never make it to those areas.

I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. In additions, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality service and skills that benefit the resident of our great state. We want to keep being able to so. If this tax subsidized sale goes thru, I'm afraid that quality jobs and investments in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole known at the Reverse Morris Trust. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel E. Atkins', with a stylized, flowing script.

Joel E. Atkins
2527 Monroe Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

May 17, 2009

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator,

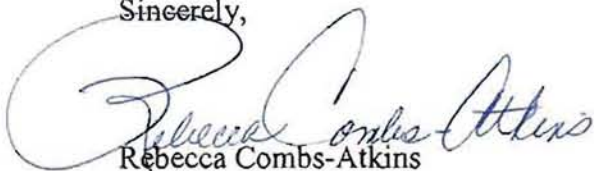
My name is Rebecca Combs-Atkins and I live in St. Albans, WV. I am also a member of the Communications Workers of America. I'm a Verizon employee working in the Credit Verification Center. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect WV.

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Sincerely,



Rebecca Combs-Atkins
2527 Monroe Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

Dear Senator Byrd,

Hello sir, my name is Greg Conliffe an I live in Nitro WV. I work for Verizon an I am a member of Communications Workers of America. I'm extremely worried about the proposed sale of Verizon to Frontier deal. I would appreciate your help to try and help stop this from happening in West Virginia.

There are a lot of families an a lot of business's that depend on Verizon. Not only is Verizon one of the top business's in WV, it also builds alof of revenue for the state and for Verizon as a company. I think our track record alone supports this. I think the whole state will suffer if Verizon is sold, whether it be for overall product or just for customer service. Its not right for anyone to suffer because of this.

I'm a little worried about my job, regardless of what Verizon or Frontier might say or believe. At this point, companies that are facing high debt and bad times, what this usually means is cutting expenses and reducing jobs. With everything going on, I do not want to lose my job based on this. As of right now, my fellow employees an I proudly deliver the best quality services for this state. We also are equipped with the special skills that benefit the residents in the state of West Virginia. If this tax subsidized sales goes through, I'm afraid that we will lose these quality jobs and Verizon will lose money and the state of West Virginia will lose the best quality products & technological advancement will not be there in the future.

We here at CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia deserve this and need your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Conliffe", written in a cursive style.

Greg Conliffe
307 Broadway Ave #3
Nitro WV 25143

Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is Terry Peck and I live in Clendenin and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I have been an employee of Verizon for ten years and currently work at 1500 MacCorkle Avenue. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

History has proven sales such as this one have been unsuccessful. Verizon has made two such sales in the past few years involving the state of Hawaii and some of the New England states. Those sales resulted in bankruptcies for the companies who acquired those states. Moreover, the state of West Virginia needs to retain employers like Verizon. Not only for the employment aspect but also for the services that Verizon offers (i.e. fiber optic services). These jobs and services are paramount for our great state to continue to grow financial as well as technologically.

I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In addition, in these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry L. Peck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "T" and "P".

Terry L. Peck
216 North Point Dr.
Clendenin, WV 25045

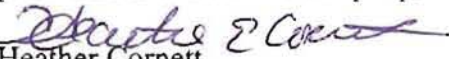
Senator
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Sen. Byrd

I live in Charleston, WV and am a member of Communication Workers of America and work for Verizon. I am concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking your help to protect West Virginia.

I am concerned about my job because companies cut expenses by reducing jobs during this hard economic time. I do not want to face unemployment. I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet and my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to be able to continue to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality job and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout WV may suffer.

We in CWA ask you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. We the people of West Virginia need your support.


Heather Cornett
3036 Olive Ave
Shrewsbury WV 25015

Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is John Travis Orders, and I live in Charleston, WV. I am employed by Verizon, and am a proud member of the Communication Workers of America local 2001. I have a growing concern with the proposed sale of Verizon's wireline services to Frontier Communications. I am writing to you to ask for you to help protect our jobs, the economy of the community, and the integrity of the state's communication infrastructure.

My concern for my job, and the quality of it, stems from the fact that prior sales of Verizons land lines (Fairpoint) generally seem to go bad for the spin off. As an employee I fear I will be seeing a *dramatic* reduction in not only pay, but benefits. My wife draws SSDI due to having had several debilitating surgeries to remove a tumor in her lower spinal cord. Prior to her surgeries she was employed by AT&T, and later the Post Office. Since then AT&T has removed it customer sales and service office from WV, shipping its work overseas. The USPS position at the Rec Center is being shut down in October. I am now the soul provider of benefits for my wife and three daughters. We live paycheck to paycheck, and any reduction of money or benefits will have a detrimental impact on us. Because of her spinal condition, my wife has to have annual MRI's, ad checkups in Charlottesville, Va. My kids all need their checkups, dentist appointments, eye doctor visits etc. There is no possibility I could afford to pay for these things without the benefits that my position grants me.

My concern for the local economy is obvious. With the people who live in WV making significantly less money, the impact is across the board. Not only will there be less money flowing in the region, but the employees here have built their lives around what they make here with their career at *Verizon*. NOT Frontier. People live up to their means, loans for homes, cars, and who knows what else will be forced into default. Medical bills will be defaulted on, and more children will be forced onto public assistance for benefits. Which will further aggravate an already declining way of life in the valley.

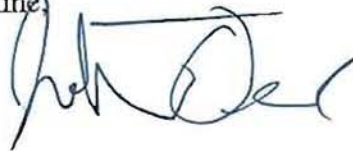
Last but not least is the concern for our states communications infrastructure. I am proud to work for Verizon. We provide outstanding services to our customers at reasonable rates. When there is a problem on the line, it is Verizon technicians that fix it. When there is a question on your bill, it is Verizon representatives that help our customers figure it out. I fear that the acquisition by Frontier will see a marked increase in the price of the services we enjoy now. I also fear for the future of the states graduation from copper line services, to fiber optic services. Verizon has a clear plan to wire their footprint with fiber optics. Only an *extremely* small number of Frontier customers enjoy the fiber services. Frontier also contracts all of their technicians. This means that the people who work on the lines have little or no allegiance to the company, or the quality fo work that they do. They are paid the same regardless of whether they do top notch work, or do their job with bubble gum and duct tape.

Regardless of what PR Verizon, and Frontier spin, I am terrified of what awaits the employees of Verizon. The economy is shaky, and big business will try to shed jobs

ASAP to increase money coming in. I feel a measure of security in my position with Verizon thanks to the hard work of my union. I do not want to put my family through unnecessary hardship, I do not want to see the small business men and women of the state crumble because of the financial blackhole that is created when jobs are lost, or pay is reduced by 25-50%. I do not want to depend on the state to care for my family, because I cannot. I am a proud Verizon employee who works to put food on the table. I hope that you hear the plea of the men and women of our company and rush to assist us in our struggle to keep Verizon jobs in the great state of West Virginia. We have been abused too long by companies who roost here until they get a better offer, then leave their employees and customers in the dust.

As a member of the CWA I ask that you help to introduce legislation that will close the Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole. Companies in this West Virginia should be encouraged to invest in the infrastructure of West Virginia. Please stand by your constituents and help protect us all, and to pave a way for a better future for the state as a whole!

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John De..." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senator
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510


Dear Sen. Byrd

I live in Charleston, WV and am a member of Communication Workers of America and work for Verizon. I am concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking your help to protect West Virginia.

I am concerned about my the loss of my job because companies cut expenses by reducing jobs during this hard economic time. I do not want to face unemployment. I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet and my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to be able to continue to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality job and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout WV may suffer.

CWA ask you to introduce legislation that will stop the sale. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. We the people of West Virginia need your support.

Todd Cornett
3036 Olive Ave
Shrewsbury WV 25015

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Cornett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "C".

Dear Senator Robert Byrd,

I live in Nitro, WV and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I have worked for Verizon for 10 years. But, at this time, I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon/Frontier buyout and am asking for your help to protect our jobs in West Virginia.

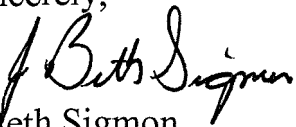
I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon and Frontier may say companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment or welfare. I am a single mother of three children ages 18, 12 and 4. I have been very fortunate and thankful for having this job. The pay and the benefits have helped me tremendously with the care of my children. I am currently working two jobs now to help with my mortgage, health and school bills. I don't necessarily enjoy being away from my kids so much but I have to provide a home, food and clothing and with this job I am able to do that. It scares me on several different levels: my kids see me now working and trying to get out of debt I don't believe in bankruptcy I have a 'I made them I will pay them' motto, I want my kids to see a responsibility in our actions and thank God my kids are healthy and have insurance now but there aren't a lot of jobs that offer insurance.

In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in **CWA** are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Thank you so much for your time and consideration in this very troubling issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Beth Sigmon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

J Beth Sigmon

1439 Park Ave

Nitro, WV 25143

June 10, 2009

The Honorable Robert Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

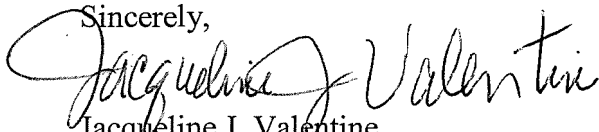
Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Charleston, WV and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I work for Verizon; I am a TMR. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am worried about the status of my job here at Verizon. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline J. Valentine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jacqueline" being more prominent and the last name "Valentine" following in a similar style.

Jacqueline J. Valentine
5009 Indiana Street
South Charleston, WV 25309

The Honorable Senator Byrd
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Byrd;

Good day, my name is Patricia and I am a member of the Communication Workers of America Local 2001 in Charleston. I currently work for Verizon as a credit screener for new service applicants. I just wanted to express my concern about the proposed sell to Frontier and am asking for your support in order to protect West Virginia.

I feel if this transaction go through it will seriously impact us in the state with the chance of possible job loss not to mention the impact it may have for fiber service in the area. No matter what the two companies say, I know how when it comes to a high debt in a company the first thing to go is the unnecessary work/employees. In these hard times through out the US it is hard enough to find employment especially in this state with the pay and benefits we currently have. As of now we feel as if we are top of the list when it comes to customer care as well as the latest technology for our customers and I would hate to see that suffer if we were to lose that to another company or the worse case to another state.

We in CWA are asking for yours and anyone else that understands the importance of keeping this state on the map in help to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole. It should be a matter of encouraging companies to invest more on infrastructure and not just look for a way out.

Thank You,



Patricia Guthrie
Poca, WV

Rt. 1 Box 67
Poca, WV 25159

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Rep.Byrd:

My name is Melanie Carpenter and I work for Verizon Communications in Charleston, WV. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am greatly concerned about the proposed Verizon and Frontier deal and I am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I have worked at Verizon for over eleven years and I am afraid of what may happen to all of our employee's job security if we become Frontier employees. Loss of jobs, loss of benefits, and loss of pension are big concerns for us in these uncertain times.

I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am very afraid that quality jobs and investments in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The great people of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely,



Melanie G. Carpenter
4128 W. Wash. St.
Char, WV 25313

The Honorable Senator Byrd
United States Senate
Washington , DC 20510

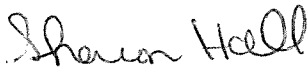
Dear Senator Byrd :

I live in Smithers, WV and I am a member of The Communications Workers of America. I work for Verizon as a credit screener. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier Deal and am asking for your help to protect the citizens of West Virginia.

I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies often cut expenses by reducing jobs. I do not want to face unemployment. In these modern times it is necessary for communities to have access to high speed internet. My fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit all the residents of West Virginia. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed internet will suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (know as the Reverse Morris Trust). The people of West Virginia need your support .

Respectfully yours,



Sharon A. Hall
P. O. Box 381
Smithers, WV 25186

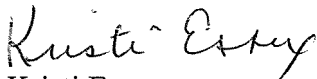
The Honorable Robert C. Byrd

I live in Elkview, WV and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am very worried over the proposed deal for Verizon to sell states, including WV, to Frontier. I am asking for your assistance to help protect my job, wages, healthcare, and the state of WV.

If this deal is allowed to happen, not only will employees of Verizon/Frontier suffer, but more then likely the state of WV. For the employees, we face job loss or a massive decrease in our basic wages. We also lose our healthcare benefits provided by Verizon built in as part of our wages and will be given the option to pay for Frontiers "Optional Medical Benefits". For West Virginia – Frontier and Verizon says it would be good for our state because Frontier wants to expand high speed internet/fiber throughout the state. However, I don't see how this is possible financially for a company, like Frontier, to accomplish. Frontier and Verizon has stated that WV will be the largest state in the Frontier network. Frontier is a considerably small company. A company of this size does not have the financial capabilities to follow through on such a project. With the purchase comes considerable debt. Frontier will be fighting to stay a float with increased debt and employees salaries. West Virginia stands the chance of getting left behind by a company that has no financial resources to move it ahead. Another real possibility is that Frontier will go into bankruptcy like the last 3 purchasers of Verizon territories. Where would West Virginia be then?

We have to be realistic about this transaction. In today's economy, all business' are suffering financially and the easiest way for a company to cut cost are through jobs. We want to keep providing excellent services and products to the resident's of West Virginia. West Virginia and her residents will be the one's to suffer the loss, while Verizon will be reaping the rewards through the tax loophole (Reverse Morris Trust). I ask for your support to Verizon employees and the residents of this great state that you represent. We should be introducing legislation that closes the tax loophole and encouraging investment in infrastructure, not paper transactions that put us all at risk.

Sincerely,



Kristi Essex
5 Vickers Drive
Elkview, WV 25071

The Honorable Robert Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

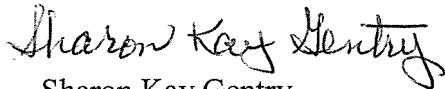
Dear Senator Byrd:

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about Verizon's sale of West Virginia to Frontier Communications. I live in St. Albans, WV and work for Verizon. I am a member of Communications Workers of America. I am asking for your help in protecting our jobs here in West Virginia.

I am very worried about my job and the jobs of all Verizon employees in West Virginia. Even though Frontier has said our contract will be honored until it's expiration in August of 2011, no mention has been made of keeping us on after that date. I do not want to face unemployment in these difficult economic times. Also it is important to our communities to have increased access to high speed internet. Verizon employees are proud to deliver quality services and skills to the residents of our beautiful state. We do not want to see quality jobs lost or the investment in high speed fiber made to suffer throughout West Virginia if this tax subsidized sales goes through.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support! Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Kay Gentry".

Sharon Kay Gentry
2326 Monroe Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

The Honorable Robert C Byrd

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Charleston and I'm a member of the Communications Workers of America. I've worked for Verizon for 5 years, before that I was unemployed for a few years. I realize how lucky I am to be employed in West Virginia. But now with the sell of Verizon West Virginia land lines to Frontier, I am asking for your help in protecting more West Virginia Jobs.

When companies such as Verizon sell to a company like Frontier, especially during these bad economic times, they often cut expenses by reducing jobs and benefits. At 53, I do not want to face unemployment with the health problem that comes along with my age. I am worried about my Job, Benefits and Retirement.

I and my co-workers are proud of our ability to deliver quality services that benefit the residents of West Virginia. I am afraid with the Verizon/Frontier deal quality jobs and service through out West Virginia will suffer and I know the important to West Virginia to have increased access to high speed internet and the other great services we now provide.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loopholes (known as Reverse Morris Trust). We believe we should be encouraging investment in infrastructure not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people and the workforce of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vickie Wellman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Vickie Wellman

3610 Staunton Ave,

Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Senator Byrd,

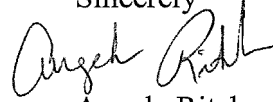
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My name is Angela Ritch I live in Cross Lanes, WV. I am member of the Communications Workers of America and work for Verizon now currently Frontier. I am very very concerned for my job due to the Verizon Frontier deal. And I am asking for your help to stop this proposal or protect us.

I have worked for Verizon for 10 years and have a 4yr old child I'm trying to raise. I'm in desperate need of my job, and if this proposal goes through we may not have a job. And for being a single mom I cant afford to be standing in the unemployment line. I currently do not get any child support or any type of assistance so I am literally doing this on my own. Child care isn't cheap and plus all my other bills. So I am expressing my concern that I need this job and asking for your help. And not only would it be bad for me but also very bad for this economy in WV. There would be thousands of people loosing their jobs and this is an event that no one wants to see. I am worried about my job and others as well. And when a company faces high debt and bad economy times they cut expenses by reducing jobs. I am proud to be an employee of the company and want to provide good customer service to our customers of this great state. I do not wish to see this state suffer anymore I want it to succeed. So please help us so we do not want to end up in the unemployment line and in line for assistance.

In conclusion; We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Ritch".

Angela Ritch

5119 Big Tyler Rd Apt 16
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

P. O. Box 127
Hurricane, WV 25526

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Byrd,

I live in Hurricane, WV and have worked at Verizon for over 29 years. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. Because of the recent announcement from Verizon concerning the sale to Frontier I have felt it necessary to take early retirement as well as a buyout offered by Verizon. I felt I needed to guarantee my medical benefits and a monthly wage that would continue my current standard of living, however, I am writing this to you today in hopes that you can help guarantee the standard of living for those not fortunate enough to have the time in with Verizon to do the same.

I am very concerned with the possibility of the reduction of the living wage that others will have to contend with it if this sale goes through. In this day and time West Virginia cannot afford to give up yet another company that is known for the wages and benefits that it offers for its workers. So many of the jobs in this state have gone to just stepping-stones for our young people to get a start on that our jobs for the young families are disappearing. Unfortunately the amount of time I have spent with this company is the exception now and not the rule. Sadly I feel that here in West Virginia we no longer have the type of companies that our young people feel they can make a permanent commitment to. So we lose a lot of brilliant young minds to other states. For years residents have felt it they could just get into a company such as Verizon they would be able to raise and provide for their families for years to come. In these difficult economic times I am concerned that Frontier, being a fairly new company, cannot continue the benefits or the wage that Verizon can offer. I would like my grandson and my granddaughter to still have the option of living here in West Virginia, and work for a solid company that has been here for many years in the communications business and has a good chance of being here for many more years to come.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Respectively,
Golda L. Sowards

Dear Person that has more power than I do:

I live in a REALLY small hole in the wall called Sarah Ann that's nestled in to the mountains of Logan Co. and I am also a proud member of CWA. I am currently employed by Verizon and I have to travel almost 2 hours one way to get to work everyday. I roughly travel 140 miles a day to get to and from work because there are no jobs in my area to raise a family of 4 from. This proposed merger of Verizon and Frontier has me scared to death. Not just me but my whole family. Everyday, I wake up scared to travel those two hours in fear of what I will find when I get to work and lets not even talk about stress levels. Do you know what its like to be scared of what's going to happen to you and your family? In this economy, nothing is certain and this certainly doesn't help matters. I know that with the raising job loss totals and businesses having to cut expenses, this is a VERY worrisome sale. I like my job. In fact I love it. I know that we're working hard to provide our customers with awesome service and it puts a smile on my face when I'm a part of making that happen. I want to keep doing that. I want to keep servicing my friends and neighbors in our great state. I know that West Virginia is often times the butt of many jokes and I'm afraid that if this tax subsidized sale goes through, not only could our image take a hit but the quality of jobs and investments in high speed fiber could really suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of our great state of West Virginia deserve better than that and need your support!!

With all sincerity,
Walter E Burns II

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter E Burns II', with a large, stylized 'B' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

PO Box 28
Sarah Ann, WV
25644

Dear Senator Byrd,

06/10/2009

I live in Charleston, West Virginia and a member of the Communication Workers of America. I work for Verizon in the Credit Verification Center. I am very concerned about the Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect our West Virginia jobs. We need jobs at this level to be able to live in this economy.

There is close to one thousand jobs in the building that I work in. It's a good feeling knowing that people make a decent living and don't have to depend on the State of West Virginia or any other organization to feed there family. I'm concerned about my job. I do not want to face the unemployment line. Right now my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the state of West Virginia. We would like to continue to provide that service. Would this move affect the high speed fiber very much needed by the state of West Virginia?

We at CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Halstead". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a cursive "H".

Jeff Halstead
1609 Colby Rd
Charleston, WV 25314

6-19-09

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Charleston WV^{area} and work for Verizon. I am also a member of CWA (Communication Workers of America). I am very concerned about the Verizon/Frontier sale and I am needing your help in protecting West Va. and help in saving my job and my fellow employees jobs. We are all worried about our jobs and what kind of cut-backs are going to happen if this sale goes through. Myself, I do not want to face unemployment, nor can I afford to. I am proud of my job and the services we provide to the residents of West Va. and I want to be able to continue doing so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs will suffer throughout West Va. We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole known as the Reverse Morris Trust. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. We need your help. The people of West Va. need your support! Please

listen to our pleas and help us to
keep our jobs in West. Va.

Regina Shelton
Regina Shelton
819 Coal River Rd.
St. Albans, WV
25177

6-19-09

Senator Byrd,

I live in St. Albans, W.V. My wife works for Verizon Corp. and is a member of CWA. We are concerned with the sale of Verizon to Frontier and what this is going to do not only to us & the employees & families of Verizon but all of the customers that depend on Verizon and the services they provide to them. We are worried about the jobs that will be lost and the services provided if this tax subsidized sale goes through; and the impact that this will have on the workforce and throughout West Va. The people of West Va. need your help. We need your help.

Lin Shelton

Lin Shelton

819 Coal River Rd.

St. Albans, WV 25177

June 19, 2009

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Rockefeller:

I live in Charleston, WV and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I work for Verizon now and have for the past 10 YEARS. I worked for Pacific Bell (in California) for 3 years as well. I am VERY concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and that I am asking for YOUR HELP to PLEASE PROTECT the "WORKERS" of WEST VIRGINIA.

Sir, I am SERIOUSLY, WORRIED ABOUT MY JOB. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. I have been there before when the insurance company I worked for moved ALL their jobs from California to Colorado to pay HALF of what they had previously and to cut benefits. And this was NOT during hard times. And this was a company already making a profit...with CEO's with astronomical salaries driven by greed.

I have lived through downsizings etc and now I am 56 years old and I have worked my entire life, feel a HUGE responsibility to help my family members "who are much less fortunate in the job market" and I JUST CANNOT FATHOM STARTING OVER AGAIN. In these difficult times, I do not want to face unemployment!

In addition, I know that it is important for my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are PROUD to deliver quality services and the skills that benefit the residents of our GREAT STATE! We just want to keep being able to do so.

If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that investments in high speed fiber NEEDED throughout West Virginia may suffer and "I" AM CERTAIN MANY, MANY MORE West Virginians WILL LOSE THESE PRECIOUS, QUALITY JOBS!!!

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loopholes (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be ENCOURAGING investment in infrastructure, NOT speculative paper transactions that will put workers at risk.

The PEOPLE of WEST VIRGINIA NEED "YOUR" SUPPORT...PLEASE.

PLEASE STAND UP FOR US AND ACT STRONGLY TO PROTECT WEST VIRGINIA.

Sincerely,



Melody Ison
1411 Quarrier St.
Charleston WV 25301
melodyison@hotmail.com

Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Poca WV and am a member of CWA 2001. I have worked for Verizon for 19 years and am very concerned about the sale of Verizon to Frontier and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia employees, their families and their customers.

I have a wife and three kids to take care of and am very worried if this sale goes through I will loose my job. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. I know its important to keep up with today's technology ~~and~~ my fellow employees and I would like to keep that going.

I am asking you, Senator Byrd - a proud West Virginian to introduce a legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). This sale would be bad for all of West Virginia. The people of West Virginia need your help and support.

Thanks, Buck Hill CWA 2001
70 Country Beach Park
Poca, WV. 25159

For Senator Byrd

The Honorable Senator Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

I live in Ghinnston, WV And am a member of the Communication Workers of America local 2011. I work for Verizon and have for 21 years. I am concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect WV.

This deal is bad for me because I work in the residential sales and service center and rumor has it that not only will they close us but they have plans to file bankruptcy as soon as they buy the company (Verizon) I am afraid that Frontier will close or at least close my office.

Companies are worried about cutting expenses and bringing the highest profit to the company and to the shareholder.

I am asking you as a member of CWA 2011 to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (Reverse Morris Trust) We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of WV need your support.

Kimberly A Bassett
Kimberly Bassett

JUNE 19, 2009

DEAR SENATOR BYRD,

I LIVE IN SISSONVILLE AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA. I AM A VERIZON EMPLOYEE WITH 9 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CENTRAL OFFICE TECHNICIAN.

I AM WRITING YOU TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED SALE OF VERIZON'S ASSETS IN WEST VIRGINIA TO FRONTIER TELEPHONE COMPANY. I AM CONCERNED FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BUSINESS CLIMATE IN OUR STATE, WHICH I THINK WOULD BE MUCH BETTER IF PROSPECTIVE WEST VIRGINIA BUSINESSES KNEW THAT THEIR TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEEDS WOULD BE SERVED BY WELL-KNOWN VERIZON. I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE FOR MYSELF AND MY CO-WORKERS. WE ENJOY GOOD PAY AND BENEFITS AND A GOOD RETIREMENT PLAN, WHILE WE ENJOY PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS. I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT IF OUR COMPANY IS SOLD, OUR WEST VIRGINIA EMPLOYEES WILL BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

WE IN CWA ARE ASKING YOU TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WILL CLOSE THE TAX LOOPHOLE (KNOWN AS THE REVERSE MORRIS TRUST). WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, NOT SPECULATIVE PAPER TRANSACTIONS THAT COULD PUT WORKERS AT RISK. THE PEOPLE OF WEST VIRGINIA NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Burdette".

DEBORAH BURDETTE
HC83 BOX 124
SISSONVILLE, WV 25320

Dear Senator Byrd:

Hello. I live in South Charleston, WV and I belong to the Communication Workers of America union. My job title is operator with Verizon. The proposed deal with Verizon and Frontier concerns me and I would like to ask you to help protect West Virginia.

Some of my concerns are job losses, cuts in pay and benefits, and less interest in high speed fiber. I need my job to support my family. Nobody wants to be out of work during these hard economic times. I would like to keep my job to keep giving our customers great quality customer service. We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Norma Thomas 676
Norma Thomas Foest Circle
S.C. Charleston

Dear Senator Byrd,

Hello my name is Michelle McClure, I reside in Charleston WV & am a member of CWA Local 2001. I am currently employed by Verizon where I work as an Operator.

My family absolutely cannot withstand a job loss. If this were to occur I'm sure my family would be homeless. I'm aware that Frontier has promised to retain employees involved in the VZ sell off through the life of our contract (Aug. 2, 2011) but what then? Job loss &/or 50% decrease in pay for its employees who are/will be expected to assume the costs related to health coverage.

Apparently Verizon has forgotten that we (employees & landline consumers) are the people who made them into the successful company they are today. Are we merely backs & break while they climb their way to the top?

I am very much concerned about the

pending sale of Verizon landlines
to Frontier and am wishful in
thinking that the intelligent people
entrusted to make sound decisions
at the PSC & FCC will not approve
this sale/merger. I have reviewed
the previous Verizon sell offs of
their landline/copper customers
& all have resulted negatively
for employees, customers & the
buying company (job loss, decreased
service & Bankruptcy).

Today and everyday that follows
I am asking for your help in any
way that would STOP the sale
whether that be by influencing the
PSC &/or FCC or by passing
legislation to close the tax loophole
known as RMT (Reverse Morris Trust).

Michelle McClure
301 1/2 J. Hunter Rd
Charleston WV 25311

(Michelle L. McClure)

DEAR SENATOR BYRD,

I LIVE IN ELKVIEW AND I AM A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA. I AM AN EMPLOYEE OF VERIZON WITH 29.5 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CENTRAL OFFICE TECHNICIAN.

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Bruce Clark
BRUCE CLARK
P.O. BOX 621
ELKVIEW, WV 25071

Dear Byrd,

I live in a small little town called Sarah Ann in the county of Logan and I am also a proud member of CWA 2001. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal that's going on. I currently travel roughly 150 miles a day to get to work and back home everyday. Its right at a 1 ½ hour drive one way. Jobs are not easy to come by and I am scared to death about the outcome of this sell. No matter what Verizon or Frontier says, the economy is not predictable right now and a lot of companies have to cut expenses and usually end up reducing jobs. If I lost my job, I don't know what I would to take care of my family of four. On top of that I know that its important to my neighborhood to have better, faster internet access and right now I know that I'm proud to help server my fellow West Virginians with the service and were pushing it out to new areas all the time. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I'm afraid that everything I've said is going to pay the price and suffer as a result. Fear. That's what I feel every time I see a news report on TV about job loss. Do you know what its like to wake up everyday worried what your going to find out when you get to work? I pray you never do. I pray that God keeps you and guides your decisions.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support.

God Bless,
Walter Burns II
Po box 28
Sarah Ann, WV
25644

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter Burns II', written over the printed name.

The Honorable Senator Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

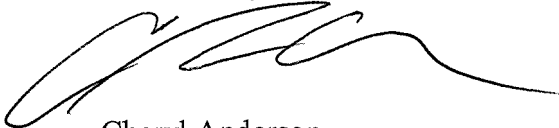
Dear Senator Robert C Byrd:

I live in Charleston and I am a member of Communications of America. I currently work for Verizon and have been here for almost nine years. After hearing the news of the Verizon Frontier deal I have been very concerned and I am writing to ask for your help to protect West Virginia, Verizon employees, and myself.

I am worried about my job. With the way the economy is right now everyone is struggling. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies with high debt often cut jobs. I do not want to be unemployed. I have to small children to support. I know that many areas in West Virginia want and need access to high speed internet. I know that my coworkers and my self want to help provide these and other services to our community. I fear that if the sale goes through that the great jobs and investments of high speed fiber needed in this state may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that may close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investments in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need you support.

Thanks for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl Anderson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Cheryl Anderson
Rt. 10 Box 107 D
Charleston, WV 25312

The Honorable Senator Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Charleston and am currently employed by Verizon and a member of Communications Workers of America. I am extremely concerned about the Verizon/Frontier transaction and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia and its jobs.

Companies that face high debt and bad economic times consistently cut expenses by reducing jobs. I am extremely worried about my job and do not want to face unemployment! Verizon employs hundreds of West Virginians. Without our jobs we will not be able to manage to pay for transportation, groceries, doctor expenses, rent/mortgage, or utilities. Job loss has a waterfall effect and with hundreds of families without jobs, the economy will suffer immensely. At this time, my associates and I are proud to offer quality services and skills that help the residents of our great state. We want to be able to keep doing so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that value jobs will suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!!

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

Heather Thompson
102 Elm Street
Nitro, WV 25143

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is Jeff Carpenter, I have been an employee with Verizon since 1998. I am also a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am a 32 year old father of one and I am very concerned about the proposed sell of the state of West Virginia by Verizon to Frontier. I am asking for your support to help protect the state of West Virginia from this sell. I feel that this sale would have a very negative impact on the working conditions in this state.

I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult economic times, I do not want to face unemployment. In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole. We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jeff Carpenter
Route 1, Box 271
Charleston, WV 25312

The Honorable Senator Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Charleston and I am currently an employee of Verizon and a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia

I am worried about my job. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. In these difficult times, I do not want to face unemployment or the possibility of having to relocate to a different state. I love this beautiful state that I live in. In addition, I know that it is important to my community to have increased access to high speed internet. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. We want to keep being able to do so. If this tax goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia may suffer.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Revers Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Twyla Mooney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Twyla Mooney
1617 McClung st
Charleston, WV 25311

June 16, 2009

The Honorable Senator Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is Helen Stuck. I live in Charleston, WV. I am a Verizon employee and a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal. I am asking for your help to protect the jobs of many hard working West Virginians.

I am worried about our jobs. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing jobs. By cutting expenses high quality customer service suffers and the service quality suffers. By reducing jobs we suffer. We will suffer loss of income. We will suffer loss of health insurance. But most importantly, feeding, clothing, and providing an education for our children will suffer. In these difficult economic times there are not many jobs in West Virginia that a single parent or even a double income household can have to support the household.

If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and investment in services provided to West Virginia may suffer if jobs are lost. Right now, my fellow employees and I are proud to deliver quality services and skills that benefit our great state of West Virginia.

We in the Communications Workers of America are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put our workers and families at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Helen Stuck', with a stylized, cursive script.

Helen Stuck
1044 Bridge Rd. Apt. C
Charleston, WV 25314

June 17, 2009

The Honorable Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510


Dear Senator Byrd:

I live in Elkview and am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I work for Verizon Communications. I am concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am worried about my job. If in the transfer of my employment from Verizon to Frontier it is decided that I am not needed by the new company, Frontier is under no obligation to keep me after our contract expires. Also, my and many others wages will probably be at least cut in half. How can we then reinvest into West Virginia's economy? I personally am considering moving out of state to maintain my standard of living. Is that what West Virginia needs? More people moving away?

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely,



Leah O'Kelly
Credit Verification Representative

10 Green Valley MHP
Elkview WV 25071

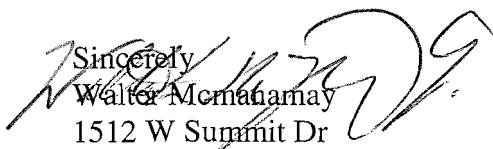
For Senator
The Honorable Byrd
United States Senate
Washington D.C 20510

Dear Sen. Byrd

I live in Charleston W.V and am a member of the Communications Workers of America and work for Verizon .I am very concerned with the proposed deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

I am worried about my employment. No matter what Verizon or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses and that could include cutting jobs.As Verizon employess we do deliver excellent customer service, providing highspeed broadband and other services to the citizens of West Virginia.

We in Cwa would like you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loop hole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust).We should encourage investment of the infrastructure that's in place by not putting workers at risk.


Sincerely
Walter McManamay
1512 W Summit Dr
Charleston, W.V 25302

The Honorable Senator Robert Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

June 10, 2009

Dear Senator Byrd,

I work for Verizon Communications in Charleston, West Virginia & I am a member of the Communication Workers of America Local 2001. I am deeply concerned about a proposed deal between Verizon & Frontier Communications. I would like to ask for your help in protecting jobs & communication services in West Virginia.

Many companies are trying to cut costs these days. I am afraid that, if this deal goes through, Frontier will be faced with so much debt that the first thing they will do is cut jobs. I can't afford to lose my job. I am raising a handicapped grandson. His medical bills are enormous. Without my job & the benefits that I have I could not afford to give him the care that he needs. West Virginia is losing more & more jobs everyday. We have to do everything we can to protect good jobs.

In addition, we have made great strides in providing better access to high speed internet across the state. We have made promises to expand this access even more. It is so badly needed in West Virginia & our communities are depending on us to continue to increase this access. I am afraid that the debt will be so high that Frontier will not be able to invest even more in expanding high speed internet access into all communities.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of West Virginia need your support!

I am asking for your help & support to protect me, my family, my community & West Virginia.

Sincerely,



Katherine Butcher
114 Terrace Lane
Alum Creek, WV 25003
304 756-3266 Home
304 687-1321 Cell
kate.butcher@yahoo.com

The Honorable Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

I live in Charleston, West Virginia and I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I am very concerned about the proposed Verizon Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia.

As a twenty nine years employee of Verizon, I am worried what this sale would do to harm this state by reducing jobs. Also the residents of the state of West Virginia should receive the choice of having access to high speed internet service. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that quality jobs and any commitment to invest in high speed fiber throughout West Virginia may suffer.

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The people of West Virginia need your support!

Sincerely
Linda Miller

Linda Miller
1204 Park Ave
Charleston, WV 25302

For Senator:
The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Robert C. Byrd

I live in Kenna and am a member of Communication Workers of America. I work in Charleston as a cot/tester since 1998...

Since 1998 Verizon has systematically ignored and allowed the outside plant facilities in West Virginia and their entire footprint to deteriorate without penalty or repercussion of any kind...No multimillion dollar fines...Now they are trying to get paid for their neglect and their greed by making a quick exit...FRONTIER is a front company that is owned by Verizon....It is being set up to fail...with 3 billion in debt they will join the others like Hawaii and Northeast states in bankruptcy in less than 5 years. Leaving all the workers with no retirement, jobs, or future...The public service commission said on TV the first day, "the service won't get any worse". It doesn't take a crystal ball to see it's not going to get any better for the citizens of WV or the workers...IF YOU want to do something good for West Virginia, then please stop this sale, FINE Verizon 500 million, and fire the idiots on the Public Service Commission...They obviously work for Verizon and not the PUBLIC...

If the legislators really wanted competition 15 years ago you should have made it illegal for any corporation to own or operate more than one technology...Make the different technologies go against each other...No corporation should be allowed to own or operate outside their plant...be it copper, coaxial, fiber, or satellite.....

Most sincerely
Michael Conley
PO Box 131
Kenna, WV
25248

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Conley". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Sen. Byrd:

I live in Cedar Grove WV and am a member of Communications Workers of America. I have worked at Verizon for the last ten years. I am concerned about the proposed Verizon frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect West Virginia. I am worried about my job and do not want to face unemployment.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole known as the Reverse Morris trust. The people of West Virginia need your support!

Wanda Carpenter
Andrea Carpenter
PO Box 339
Cedar Grove WV 25039

Honorable Senator Byrd

Please Help Save Our Jobs. Verizon
Whom I've been employed with for
16 years. Is Selling Our local Telephone
Service to Frontier Communication.

I'm a single woman and I have
worked hard to provide for myself.
and for the 1st time I am afraid
that with the Sale I will loose my
job and all that I have worked
for. Please Pass legislation that will
~~close the~~ close the loophole known as the
Reverse Morris Trust. We need your
Support

Leslie S. Pepper
Leslie S. Pepper
131 Oak Wood Rd
Charleston WV
25314

Honorable Senator Boyd,

I am writing you this letter because I fear the loss of my job. I have been with Verizon for 9 1/2 years & it is very hard to think that may be coming to an end. I am the main provider for my family. My husband's job is not stable. Therefore, we rely on my income & benefit. We have three elementary age children & my husband is also a Senior Human in the UN has retirement.

Good part time is Charleston WV. My job with great pay & benefit keeps my family in. I have a college degree & can only find classes from having my MBA. I can choose to go anywhere in the country & work or I choose not. Without bargaining & hard work that may not have been possible. I want to leave my family in Charleston & give them a great opportunity.

to grow up in the most beautiful place I know. I fear if Verizon is sold to another there will be job cuts, as well as pay cuts & benefit as well. In this difficult economic time I do not want to worry about losing my job & having to worry about my benefit for my family.

In addition, it is of the utmost importance to our community to have high speed internet that increases & speeds consistency. My fellow employees & myself are very proud to deliver quality services that benefit our great

state. We would like to keep delivering great services to our community. If this tax subsidized sale goes through, I am afraid that the quality of jobs & investment & high speed fiber needed throughout WV may suffer.

I am proud to call Charleston WV my home. Without this job I am afraid I will no longer be able to. My family is very important to me & to be able to provide them with all I have is because of my job with Verizon. Please help me keep my job with Verizon & stop this sale. I am a proud CWA member & native of WV! We at CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust). We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that could put workers at risk. The people of WV need your support. My family needs your support. Please help us.

Shannon Soblit

Shannon Soblit

72 Taylor Acres S.

Charleston WV 25312

Dear Senator Byrd

I'm writing you because I am a member of CWA, We have been told that Verizon is Selling off West Virginia Telephone Service to Frontier. I feel this will be bad for our state. We will lose jobs, We asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole. Known as the Reverse Morris Trust. We need your help.

Amber Durham
Amber Durham
1711 Massey Circle
South Charleston WV 25303

Date: 8-17-09

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
UNITED STATES SENATOR
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4801

Dear Senator Byrd:

I am a member of the UMWA and a resident of West Virginia. I write to you to express my concern about the proposed Verizon/Frontier deal and am asking for your help to protect the interest of the citizens of West Virginia.

I have been informed by the workers at Verizon and/or Frontier that the proposed deal might affect my community and the residents of our State. I am also concerned for the jobs of the workers at Verizon and/or Frontier. Some of them may be afraid to write to you out of fear that the company would retaliate against them for expressing their opinions. No matter what Verizon and/or Frontier may say, companies that are facing high debt and bad economic times often cut expenses by reducing good paying jobs and services.

I further understand that Verizon only picked Frontier to spin off their communications system so Verizon could use a tax loophole known as the "Reverse Morris Trust" and keep \$3.3 billion tax free. As a tax payer, I don't believe we should subsidize Verizon to abandon West Virginia.

Therefore, I am asking you to introduce legislation that will close the "Reverse Morris Trust" tax loophole.

Secondly, I hope you will take the lead in this issue and get the West Virginia delegation in the Senate and the House to oppose this risky deal. Verizon and Frontier are looking out for themselves; we need you to look out for the citizens of West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Harvey L Lockhart

Name

16412 Riverside DR.

Street

Walcus, WV

City, State, Zip

24801

Date: 9-1-09

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
UNITED STATES SENATOR
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4801

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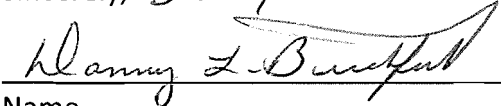
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Sincerely, *Danny L. Birchfield*

Name
1370 Coal River Rd
Street
Glen Daniel, WV 25844
City, State, Zip

Date: 8-2-09

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UNITED STATES SENATOR
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4801

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Sincerely,

Joseph M. Carter Jr.
Name
P.O. Box 240
Street
Stonaford, WV. 25927
City, State, Zip

Date: 2 Aug 09

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UNITED STATES SENATOR
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4801

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Sincerely,

Robert V. Massey Jr

Name P.O. Box 922

Street Beckley, WV 25802

City, State, Zip

Date: 8-2-09

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UNITED STATES SENATOR
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4801

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Date: 8/2/09

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Brenda Ellis

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P.O. Box 255
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Date: 08-05-2009

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Sincerely, Curtis R. Stover

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Date: 06-08-09

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Date: 08/07/09

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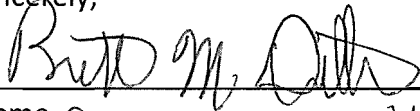
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113 HAN ST.

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OAK HILL, WV 25901

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Date: 08-03-2009

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City, State, Zip 25969

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Sincerely,



Charlotte Moore
2518 Renee St
Flatwoods, Ky 41139

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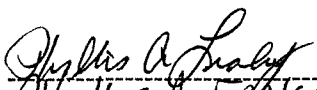
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Phyllis A. Fralich
906 Washington Ave
Huntington, WV 25704

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Denise Martin
1761 County Rd 47
Waterloo, OH 45688

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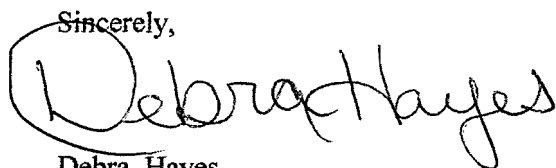
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Debra Hayes
3176 Culp Creek Rd
Argillite, Ky 41121

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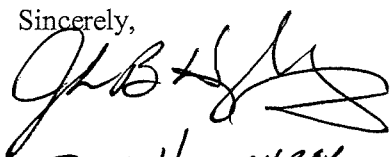
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JOHN HUMPHREY
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HUNTINGTON, WV 25701

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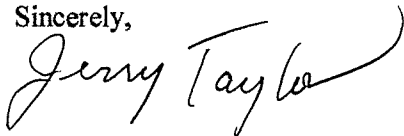
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Jerry Taylor
3624 Skyview Dr.
Huntington, WV 25701

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Kathy Henderson
2377 Johnstown Rd.
Huntington, WV 25701

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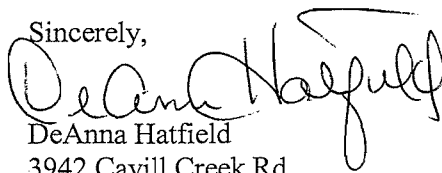
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DeAnna Hatfield
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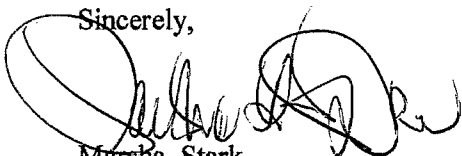
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Marsha Stark
509 Maple St.
Barboursville, WV 25504

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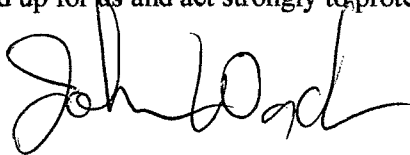
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John Worden
1704 Jefferson Ave
Huntington, WV 25704

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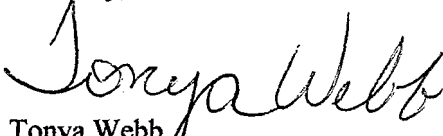
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Tonya Webb
#14 Wildwood Ln.
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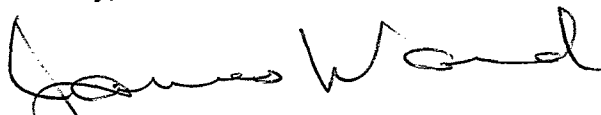
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ward".

James Ward
3 Sunrise Acres
Barboursville, WV 25504

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Thomas McCormick
Rt. 1 Box 275
Prichard, WV 25555

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Corey Vance

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Harts NV 25724

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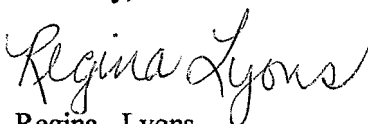
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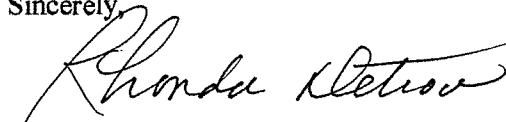
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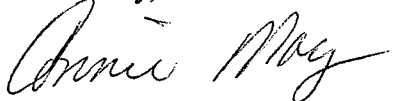
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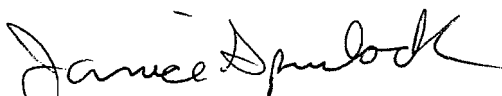
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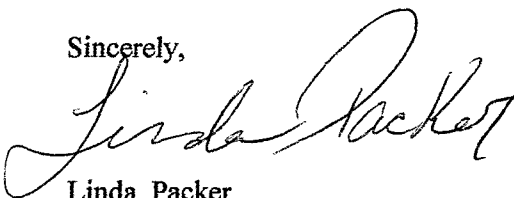
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Linda Packer
2251 Smith St
Ashland, Ky 41101

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billie Call". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Billie Call
417 Burlington Rd
Huntington, WV 25704

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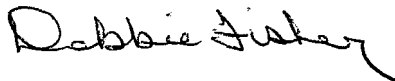
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Debbie Fisher
3867 Green Valley Rd
Huntington, WV 25701

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Dear Senator Byrd,

I am a current Verizon employee in the Huntington, WV office. I am a proud supporter of our union the Communication Workers of America (CWA). The recent news about the proposed sale of Verizon to Frontier concerns me for not only my job & security; but for the customers of West Virginia.

Today in our country unemployment is at an all time high. Verizon is the employer that as it stands now is making profits & is not facing any issues due to bankruptcy. Taking out a "large" employer in West Virginia would be a travesty. As employees we have worked hard to make Verizon what it is today.

With Verizon leaving this would be one large employer that West Virginia will lose.

From a customer standpoint our WV customers recognize & trust the Verizon brand. The WV customers have poured money into Verizon and enjoy the Verizon services & packages. I do not want to see what happened in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont & Hawaii to happen to West Virginia. West Virginia is a great state and deserves quality and first rate service.

Verizon is using Frontier to keep the tax free money thru the loophole in the "Reverse Morris Trust." Taxpayers including us are subsidizing Verizon to abandon West Virginia.

We in the CWA are asking that the legislature of WV to do 2 things. Please introduce legislation that will close the Reverse Morris Trust tax loophole. We shouldn't be using speculative paper transactions that put workers and consumers at risk. We should be encouraging investments in our infrastructure.

The second thing we hope that you - Senator Rockefeller will take the lead in this issue and get the WV Delegation in the House & the Senate to oppose this deal. Please stand up for the people of West Virginia. In this day & age we need your leadership more than ever.

Sincerely,
Michelle Hopkins
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South Point, OH
45680
(Huntington Tri-State Area)

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United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

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I WORK IN HUNTINGTON WV AND AM A PROUD SUPPORTER AND MEMBER OF THE CWA. I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE SALE OF VERIZON WV TO FRONTIER AND IM VERY CONCERNED. I AM ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO PROTECT WV AND GOOD WV JOBS.

THIS DEAL IS RIDDLED WITH A POOR OUTCOME FOR WEST VIRGINIANS. THE DEBT FRONTIER IS TAKING ON WILL KEEP THEM FROM AFFORDING UPGRADES IN OUR STATE. AS WELL WITH THE TAX LOOPHOLE KNOWN AS THE "REVERSE MORRIS TRUST" WV WONT SEE A DIME FROM THE SALE. HOW CAN FRONTIER AFFORD THIS DEAL WHEN THEY CANT EVEN PAY THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYEES A FULL MONTHS PAY. SOMEONE IS MAKING OUT ON THIS DEAL SIR, I PROMISE YOU IT WONT BE WV OR ITS CITIZENS.

I AM ASKING YOU TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WILL CLOSE THE TAX LOOPHOLE. WEST VIRGINIA DESERVES INVESTMENT AFTER YEARS OF SUBSIDING OTHER STATES NETWORKS. NOT ADBANDONMENT AND BANKRUPTCY BY THE VERY COMPANY THAT PROFFITTED OF OUR HARD WORK.

SINCERELY



208 Nicole Dr
Hurricane WV 25526

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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I live in Hurricane, WV and am a member of the CWA and work for Verizon. I am very concerned about this proposed sale of Verizon to Frontier. I am asking for your help in stopping this sale.

I am concerned that since Verizon has committed to increasing the fiber network in WV that Frontier cannot handle the financial burdens of this project- considering that they will have to payoff the debt if this purchase goes through.

Also it is very possible that West Virginians will eventually lose their job. This has happened in Hawaii and the Fairpoint area in the northeast, both areas in which similar transactions have occurred .

We in the CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loop hole known as the Reverse Morris Trust. The people of West Virginia need your support.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Harris", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Harris
Central Office Technician, Verizon

61 Hickory Mills Dr.
Hurricane, WV 25526
Daveo33@live.com

Dear Senator Byrd,

My name is Angela Hall and I work for Verizon in Huntington, West Virginia. I am a member of the Communications Workers of America. I currently live in Ashland, Ky, however I was born in West Virginia and have lived half my life here and the other half in Ashland. I will always feel my hometowns are Huntington, Wv and Ashland Ky.

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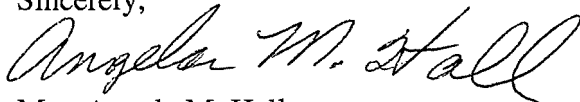
I believe this sale would be bad for Wv because Frontier would be taking on a large debt from Verizon, I also believe this sale will result in the loss of jobs, quality services and reduced (if not lost altogether) investment in high speed fiber. Verizon will also get 3.3 billion dollars tax free because of a loophole known as the "Reverse Morris Trust". We need legislation that will close this loophole and encourage investment in infrastructure, not speculative paper transactions that put workers and consumers at risk.

I know this may not sound like much to some people, but employees from Frontier are being forced to take 12 days off non-paid a year to help keep the company afloat, how then can they possibly be able to take on another 11,000 employees and access lines in Wv and 13 other states and expect to keep up good service or competitive pay? And if you check the other state sale off's (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Hawaii and others) Verizon has completed in the past to other Telecom companies you will see almost all of those companies have filed for bankruptcy and it appears another company may follow the same route soon. Ask their residences and regulators if they would do it all over again if they had a chance.

Think about how that has affected their local economies.

I know you would not want that to happen in Wv. I know you have worked hard over your long and lustrous career to keep good paying jobs in our state and to bring more to our beautiful state. So in that spirit I would like to ask for your help in blocking the sale of our wonderful state to a company that may not have our best interests at heart and force Verizon to hold up it's promise to increase investment in fiber throughout Wv. I believe West Virginia deserves to have the highest quality services in every community; this sale jeopardizes that and will affect many communities and our local economy. Please take the lead in this issue and get the West Virginia delegation in the Senate and the House to oppose this very risky deal. Verizon and Frontier are looking out for themselves, we need someone to look out for us and I think the best person for that job is you. Please consider my truly heartfelt words from another West Virginian like yourself and do the right thing for our great states future in Telecom.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Angela M. Hall
1088 29th St.
Ashland, Ky 41101

The Honorable Robert C Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd,

I am a forty year West Virginia resident, born and raised in the Wyoming County coal fields to a UMW union family. Our family later became owners of two small businesses, and I received my higher education here in the state. With my degree I have built a career in the communication field for thirteen years, and the last ten years as a Verizon associate and CWA union member.

As a resident of Putnam Co. and employee of Verizon, I have heavy concerns for the pending sale of the Verizon access line business to Frontier Comm. This sale will not strengthen this states infrastructure, or my families future in this state. Verizon's previous sales to Hawaii Telecomm and FairPoint Comm are examples of what is to come for Frontier Comm.

With the tax loophole "Reverse Merger Trust", Verizon was able to pass on their debt to the purchasing company. Frontier Comm will be unable to build their business, or maintain the existing network in place now. Hawaii Telecomm has now filed for bankruptcy after

their purchase in 2005, unable to recover from the conditions of the sale and the debt incurred. The same can be said from the sale to FairPoint Comm, they are on the same path as Hawaii. FairPoint is all ready struggling to maintain a good customer service level and unable to upgrade their networks with the modern technology. In a few more years, they too will follow the path of Hawaii. Union contracts become null and void and more quality jobs lost.

I ask that legislation be introduced to close the tax loophole Verizon is using to pass on their debt and side step the billions of tax dollars West Virginia will not see from this sale. If we don't make the effort to stop this, more quality jobs will be lost and more residents of this State may have to leave, remaining may not be a option.

Please protect West Virginia jobs and communications

Sincerely

Kicky W. Buck

204 Bent Tree Ests

Scott Depot WV 25560

June 16, 2009

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Byrd and Senator Rockefeller

My name is Tiffany Keenan, I live in Riverside, West Virginia and I am the wife and stepdaughter of CWA members. My husband is a line man and my step mom is a CO Tech both employed by Verizon. My concern is for my family and our friends that will be affected by the Verizon Frontier deal. I am asking you to do what is in your power to protect my family, friends and the citizens of West Virginia from the problems this deal could cause.

I believe this deal is bad for West Virginia and the thousands of Verizon employees. My family has already been affected by this deal. The loss of jobs are my main concern followed by decrease or loss of benefits and/or

a cut in pay. Other issues that concern me are people being forced into early retirement such as my step mom. She has multiple years she should still be able to work and she is facing a decision that could ultimately be a disaster financially. Should she have to take early retirement and lose those years she could be working at the job she loves. Or should she stay and work and lose most of her retirement? These are decisions that she should not have to make.

I know that in hard economic times companies need to cut expenses by reducing jobs. This transition could result in job loss such as this for my husband. This leaves us with the hardships of raising our family with little to no income or healthcare benefits. My son will be starting school in the fall and the need for access to high speed internet has greatly increased in schools across West Virginia also requiring access at home. If this transition results in job loss for my husband we will no longer be able to afford high speed

internet.

My husband and my stepmom take pride in their job along with their co-workers. They deliver quality services and skills that benefit the residents of our great state. If this tax subsidized sale actually happens, I'm worried quality jobs and investment in high speed fiber needed throughout West Virginia will suffer in the longrun.

As the wife of a CWA member with two small children I am asking you for your help with this situation. Please introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (the Reverse Morris Trust). My family and the people of West Virginia need your support.

Sincerely,
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The Honorable Senator Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd

I live in Janp Low, WV and am a member of the Communication Workers of America and a Cable Splicer at Verizon. I am writing because of my concern about the proposed deal between Verizon and Frontier.

I am worried about the jobs of my coworkers and myself. With the economy the way it is, I don't believe any small company can handle \$3.3 billion in debt. With a large debt like that expenses will have to be cut somewhere, and job reduction seems to be #1 on corporate America's list. As a cable splicer I am proud of my job and the quality of work that I do. With any kind of job reduction quality of work will be replaced with quantity of work, which is not good for my community or state.

We in CWA are asking you to introduce legislation that will close the tax loophole (known as the Reverse Morris Trust Act) →

We should be encouraging investment in infrastructure
not speculative paper transactions that could
put workers at risk. The people of
West Virginia need your support. So I
am asking you to stand up and protect my
job and the jobs of others.

Sincerely,

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